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USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Tincture of arnica is the best application for sprains or bruises.

Do not sleep with the arms above the head, which causes additional strain on the circulation of the blood toward the heart.

If a fish bone lodges in the throat, eat a marshmallow; the bone becomes imbedded in the sticky substance, and is safely carried down.

Sleeplessness is frequently due to want of food; a glass of warm milk and a bit of bread will often send the restless one to sweet slumbers.

A bilious attack may soon be overcome by taking the juice of one or two lemons in a goblet before retiring, and in the morning before rising.

The tendency to hair growth on the face, which is fostered by the use of grease, may be checked by using some spirits of camphor with it.

An "onion breath" may be gotten rid of by eating a small piece of charcoal after the meal. This is also an old-fashioned remedy for purifying the blood.

Put the children out of doors to run and play. Let them dig and delve in mother earth and absorb the pure air and bright sunshine, and they will defy the doctors.

Women do not attach half enough importance to sleep as a beautifier. One cannot look well nor healthy nor at one's best except when the body has been refreshed by healthy sleep.

Keep the hair and scalp as clean as the rest of the body. An egg shampoo is very beneficial both to the hair and the scalp, as the yolk contains iron and sulphur, and these ingredients are excellent for the scalp.

Pimples and tiny boils or sores on the skin are always due either to indigestion, or to the system being out of order. The only way to cure these is to find out what causes them and remedy that, and your skin will soon be as good as ever.

In baking potatoes put a small pan of water in the oven and you will find they bake much quicker.

If the upper edge of the saucepan is well buttered, milk or chocolate or anything of the kind will not boil over.

A mixture of kerosene and ammonia cleans porcelain both does not injure them, as gritty or acid substances do.

A pound of sal soda dissolved in boiling water should be poured in drain pipes at frequent intervals. This dissolves the grease and other impurities.

Bags of almond meal, oat meal and orris root placed in the bath water a few minutes before ready to use, will soften the water and have a whitening and softening effect upon the skin.

White and colored kid gloves may be nicely cleaned in fine cornmeal. Put the gloves on the hands and rub them thoroughly with the meal, as though you were washing your hands. Undressed kid may be cleaned perfectly in this way.

Pour cold water on grease that has been spilled on the floor. The cold hardens the grease, and it can be scraped up with a knife, where hot water would simply drive it into the wood. Then wash the spot with cold suds. Cold water will also remove berry stains much better than hot water.

After sweeping, dust the floor well, never using water. With a soft cotton cloth use paraffin oil sparingly and rub on the floor. This leaves a waxy, hard surface and preserves the floor perfectly, lasting weeks. This oil can be purchased by the gallon cheaply in any paint shop, and affords comfort to all good housekeepers.

All housekeepers know how a pillow case wears out in the center, leaving the rest quite good. When they begin to get thin in the centre rip the end, or cut off seams if they are good length and use what was side for centre. Darn broken places, for they will not show when in bed; sew up end again and you will find your cases will wear as long again.

Before wearing tan shoes, polish them with a good russett shoe polish. If this is done, spots can be cleaned off more readily. Many of the shoe-polishing stands turn your boots very dark. There is one brand of polish, however, that if applied by yourself will keep the shoes their natural color. One girl keeps her tan boots in good condition by rubbing them with a slice of banana, and then polishing with a soft cloth.

Once a week, after the sink has been left for the night, dampen it and put a thin coating of potash over the surface. This will remove all yellow or dark stains, but be careful not to allow the potash to get on the hands, and remove it from the sink before any one gets to it in the morning, as the potash is poison. The same treatment would, of course, apply to porcelain tubs also. Potash should be used frequently in the drain pipes of set tubs, bath-tubs and set bowls. It cleanses them thoroughly, and often eats away accumulations that in time would cause a stoppage.

Colds taken in summer or early autumn are apt to be very troublesome; they are usualy easily checked in the very beginning by inhalations of good eau-de-cologne, which acts as a germicide.

Patent leather shoes, should, in the first instance, be wiped with a soft cloth dipped in warm soapy lather so as to rid the surface of any mud stains or dust. A little vaseline should be applied from time to time, especially after a wetting. This must be thoroughly worked into the leather with a piece of flannel so as to prevent it from cracking, while polishing should be effected with any good cream or paste made for the purpose, the shine being restored by rubbing with a square of velvet or an old silk handkerchief.

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AFTER OYSTERS IN THE BAY

Encouraging Growth of Spawn, Sad Absence of Buying Boats

Monday marked the opening of the oyster season, and more fortunes will be made this year by skilled and painstaking oyster experts.

On the best of authority it is asserted that one man last year, Christian Johnson of Camden, caught $35,000 worth of oysters on the Delaware beds. It is positively known that Pennsylvanians, New Jerseymen and a few Delawareans have made enough off the Delaware oyster beds to retire at ease.

About 150 tongers, in a sail or power boat, equipped with a pair of tongs, set out to tong for plants. The plants are taken up and sold to oyster planters and are placed upon the oyster beds in the Delaware Bay and elsewhere that they may multiply and grow to full size and maturity.

The 150 boats is a slight falling-off from the two preceding years, not because the oyster business is deteriorating, for there is a better growth of spawn noted this year than at any time in this country for ten years. But the decrease is the direct result of hard times. The falling-off in the demand for the luxuries of oysters has caused a decrease in the number of buying boats, which put in along the Delaware Bay shore and buy oysters at a good price as fast as they are "tonged."

This falling off will mean that there there will be more oysters for home consumption. The Philadelphians and the Baltimorean's loss will be the Delawarean's gain.

Under the law, tonging began anywhere within the month of Simon's Creek, Little Creek or Leipsic River, while the right to tong on the natural rocks of the Delaware Bay is, of course, open to every man with a boat who will pay $3.50 license to the State.

The same law provides for the opening of the tonging season in the St. Jones, Murderkill, Mispillion, and Broadkiln Rivers, on October 1. From these rivers, however, the tongers are not allowed to take the oysters out of the mouths, or sail away with them, the law intending that these oysters shall be for the use of the contingous residents of Delaware. It is a "home consumption" law.

On the same day, October 1, the oyster fleet in Delaware Bay will begin its work of dredging and digging for the city markets. The famous "Delaware Bay Salts" will then be brought up for the restaurant tables and hotels of the big cities.

Forty schooners as well as motor boats will start out on this business on October 1. These boats have a right to go out on their own oyster beds after September 1, but as September is a great fattening month, the oysters are not molested, as it would be like pulling green peaches and trying them in market against ripe ones, to gather in the oyster during a month when he is making greater growth than all the year previous.

The oystermen are greatly encouraged by the increase in the growth of the spawn. Stones, old boots and boat funnels, when brought to the surface in the oysters waters are literally covered with the young growth. The same condition exists on the other side of the peninsula, in Marylande waters, where the growth of the young indicates an increase rather than a decrease in the yield of oysters.

The Maryland oysters business amounts to between $4,000,000 and $5000,000 her oysters are shipped to all parts of the world.

That the business is continually increasing as well as holding its own is demonstrated by the State of Delaware's official watch over and regulation of the traffic. Originally it was all the State could do to collect licenses enough to keep the natural rocks in growing condition, prevent poarching and keep the mouths of the oyster rivers in condition for the young spawn to hatch and grow.

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NEW YORK FASHIONS

The keynote of the newest fashions can be summed up in the word Directoire. The clinging skirts, the short waist line, the big revers on some of the dressy coats are all revivals from the time when Napoleon was First Consul of France in 1795, when he began laying the foundations of his great empire.

The Directoire or sheath skirt, about which there has been such a furore, will never become widely popular as it is not adapted to general wear. It is intended for rather soft and clinging fabrics and will in its modified form be used for all sorts of elaborate house and reception gowns. It is always made with a high waist line and worn over some sort of an elaborate waist.

The New Street Suits

The new street suits are very smart and pretty indeed. A great deal of gray is to be worn. Shades of green will be popular in tailor gowns and dark blue will be much worn. Some of these suits are made with pleated skirts but the majority of the skirts are gored. The coats are semi-fitting and longer than they have been for years, running from forty to fifty inches. Many of these suits are made more elaborate by collar and cuffs of velvet or fancy waistcoats. One very attractive gray suit has collar and cuffs of jacquemenot velvet braided in dull gold. A blue suit trimmed elaborately with black silk braid and large braid-covered buttons of an oval shape is also modish.

Fashionable Fabrics

Diagonal striped cheviots and serges, although not exactly new, are to be largely worn this Fall and Winter, and very handsome they look when made up into tailor gowns. The majority of them are in two tones, browns and greens, blues, reds and other colors are combined with black.

Serges in plain, diagonal and chevron stripes make especially useful traveling suits for the late fall. They are usually trimmed with braid.

This is to be a velvet season as the Directoire fashions with their clinging skirts are especially lovely when made up in this rich fabric. The long velvet coat worn with the satin or cloth skirt will be a feature of the season. Broadcloth is as usual well to the fore and comes in some lovely new shades.

Most charming is the display of broadcloths, cheviots, serges, velvets, etc., shown this season at Lord & Taylor's, that old established house where all the latest novelties in dress goods are always on view.

Millinery for Fall and Winter

Both large and small hats are shown though the small hats are really what in a year when fashions were less exaggerated we should call medium sized. Some of the newest imported models have low broad crowns and broad brims turning up on one side. These are trimmed with fancy feathers and long plumes and are very becoming. A great many turbans will be worn, these are much larger than usual and of oblong shape.

Many of the new hats are bound with velvet on the edge, extending more than an inch over the brim.

Colors in Millinery

Shades of blue, brown and gray are stylish in felt hats, while purple hats in the bishop and egg plant shades are among the novelties. All the light pastel tones are seen and shades of dark green are considered very stylish in velvet hats and among the finer felts.

Everything in the line of fancy feathers is used for trimmings. Many of the new wings are of the fancy description, the tips being colored in novel shades while the body portions are in some staple tint.

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OVERCHARGES ALLEGED

Kent County Levy Court Finds Serious Objection to Those of Sheriff Hartnett

DOVER, DEL., September 1st.—That Sheriff William F. Hartnett, of this county had made overcharges of $3470.14 was the charge made at a meeting of the Levy Court here this afternoon. The body then adjourned until September 14th, at which time a plan of action will be decided upon. The evidence taken in the case, by a special committee appointed for the purpose, was not made public but the report on the figures of alleged overcharges were read to the court. The sheriff and his friends deny the charge, which has been made and it is understood that they will bitterly fight the report of the committee.

About three months ago the Levy Court, through a committee composed of three of its members and assisted by J. Hall Anderson, its attorney—began an investigation into the bills of magistrates and constables for the commitment of vagrants to the county jail under a law passed by the General Assembly at its last session, which increased the fee for the arrest and commitment of each prisoner $1.10. The bills were so high that the body desired to find out the reason and it was found that the increase was due to the new law. In the course of the investigation, however, the committee found what it alleged were overcharges in the bills of some of the county officers.

The first meeting of the levy court this afternoon was a secret session at which the evidence secured by the committee was gone over. Then there was a public session at which the amounts of the alleged overcharges were given and found to amount to the figures stated. The report gave these figures:

Total amount of overcharges, $3470.14 up to March 1st, 1908. Total amount received by sheriff up to March 1st, 1908, $6367.29; amount which sheriff should have received, $2897.29. The last bill presented by the sheriff, covering March, April and May, 1908, amounting to $2,-108.67, is said to be incorrect with the exception of $142.17.

The committee itemizes each bill as follows:

Bill No. 9494, for January and February, 1707, $1079.48; less overcharges amounting to $1,003.

Bill No. 9708, covering March and April, 1907, $1314.62; less overcharges of $418.53.

Bill No. 9882, covering May, June and July, 1907, $910.95; less overcharges of $672.75.

Bill No. 10,056, covering August, September and October, 1907, $1075.75; less overcharges of $667.75.

Bill No. 10,251, covering November and December, 1907, $834.49; less overcharges amounting to $667.49.

Bill No. 10,448, covering January and February, 1908, $1152; less overchages amounting to $931.15.

Having heard these figures the levy court adjourned until September 14th, at which time action in the matter will be taken and when it is expected that a further report will be made on some other accounts.

WATERMELON RIND PRESERVES

The prettiest and best of all the famous preserves that Southern housekeepers make are those of watermelon rind.

Select a thick rind; cut off all the green and the soft inside; then let the rinds stand in weak alum water over night. In the morning, wash in cold water and drop them into weak brine, where they should remain for twenty-four hours.

On taking them out of the brine, cut the pieces into any pretty fancy shapes desired—chains, stars, leaves, hearts, rings, etc. The more ingenuity here displayed, of course, the more pleasing will be the result, and every experienced housekeeper is especially particular about this part of the work, bearing also in mind that every mark in the design will show better when the preserves are done.

Next, throw the pieces into cold water and let them stay until the salt is soaked out. To every pound of rind, allow three-fourths of a pound of sugar. Boil the rind in clear water until each piece can be easily pierced with a fork. Make the sugar into a thick syrup. To every pound of rind, add one lemon, and to every two pounds of rind add one rounded teaspoonful of ground ginger, tied in a cloth.

Drop the rinds in the syrup and cook until clear. Then take them out, dry in the sun, and cook again until done.

This makes a delicious preserve. The addition of the lemon gives a delightful flavor, besides preventing the formation of sugar in the jar, which sometimes spoils the whole.

THE SEPTEMBER AMERICAN BOY

The picturesque features of the great West are well symbolized in the general make-up of the picture of The Young Ranchman, which decorates the front cover of the September American Boy, and the contents of the magazine will prove delightful reading. The serials by Houston, Tomlinson, and Optic, with Mr. Weir's vivid experiences Under the Great White Canvas, are continued. Among the many fine short stories in this issue are: Kenton's League with the Sun, telling of some of the thrilling experiences of the Kentucky pioneer with the Indians; The Story of Spot, a Mustang, shows the splendid devotion of a pony to his young master; The Penance of Michael Moran points out the good that is in even the most troublesome boys; Facing Death in a Balloon, a thrilling story of the experience of a boy in a balloon; Barefoot's Outing shows what kindness did to a poor little street Arab, and The Education of a Chipmunk, tells all about the training of one of these interesting little animals. All the articles are of more than usual interest, the titles being: Unusual American Children; Lawn Tennis; A Home Industry for Boys; What Can a Young Man Do; How a Butterfly is Born; and Farming the Salt Sea. The various departments are full of the things that appeal to the boy with a hobby. 80 illustrations. $1.00 a year. The Sprague Publishing Co., Detroit, Mich.

FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

The farm price of eggs in 1899 was 11.15 cents per dozen as an average for the United States. In 1903, 12.37 cents per dozen; in 1904, 1720 cents; in 1907, 18.20 cents.

Dressed poultry sold in New York in 1899 for 10.78 cents per pound, wholesale; in 1903, 12.97 cents: in 1904, 12.57 cents; in 1905, 13.36 cents; in 1906, 13.20 cents; in 1907, 14.90 cents. The prices of poultry and eggs are steadily advancing each year. The demand for choice stock is rapidly increasing, and prices are sure to go higher.

Weeds in the garden during the months of August and September will produce seed before they are noticed, stocking the ground with weed seed for next year. The garden should be kept free from weeds until frost. This will save considerable labor in the growing of vegetables, as most of the work required is due to the weeds and grass that come up in the early season.

The New Jersey Board of Health has started an active campaign looking toward the enforcement of the law which provides for the thorough cleaning of all milk cans by city receivers before returning. Arrests have been made in Jersey City and $25 fines for each offense are imposed.

In giving castor oil to animals allow one to two pints to a horse, four ounces to sheep, two ounces to pigs and two to four ounces to calves. Castor oil is an excellent purgative. In cases of scours it is advised to give small doses, combined with laudanum.

An English veterinarian being called upon to prescribe for constipation among some yearling heifers gave each heifer one pound of Epsom salts dissolved in a quart of warm water. This was given as a drench, and for 24 hours after giving the drench nothing was given to eat but a little damp bran. In order to prevent a recurrence of the trouble he advised feeding some laxative food as pulped roots or silage.

Horse radish may be harvested in the fall, before the ground freezes or in the spring, before rank top growth begins. Run plow deeply along side of row to remove earth, lift out and trim main root. Thoroughly wash with brush and rinse in clean water. Peel off outer skin and grate.

The Philadelphia Vacant Lots Association, which was organized during the panic of 1893 as one means of supplying food and work for families without employment, has since been maintained. The last year the investment of $5800 contributed by the friends of the movement and the use of vacant lots and otherwise unproductive land, yielded not less than $54,000 worth of vegetables and fruit.

For sticking labels to tin, mix dextrine and vinegar to the consistency to suit, then add about two ounces of honey to the pint of paste. If too much honey is used the labels will have a greasy appearance and will not dry right.

When a horse gets into the rearing habit it is best to quit using him for riding, as it is hard to break him. The horse given to rearing is dangerous under the saddle, as the rider cannot tell when the animal will fall clear backward and pin him underneath. It is a mistake of the rider at such a time to loosen the reins and cling to the horn or pommel of the saddle, or grab the horse's mane, as this does not give protection. Expert riders say that the best thing to do when a horse starts to rear is to quickly and violently pull the head to one side. This will put him off his balance so he cannot rear up, but the rider must be quick.

Young horses should be worked moderately, so that they may attain their full growth. It is a bad mistake to depend upon them to do all the work on the farm.

The most common diseases of pigs are rheumatism, paralysis, blind staggers, thumps and scours and worms. An English cure-all for these maladies is fresh milk and turpentine. For a young pig, about six weeks old, give a teaspoonful of turpentine in a pint of milk. If the pig is not too sick it will at once drink this. If too sick, the remedy should be given with a spoon. Older pigs seldom refuse new milk, even when a tablespoonful of turpentine is given in a quart or more. The dose should be graded from a teaspoonful at six weeks to a tablespoonful or more for a mature hog.

Fuel or energy is all that can be gotten out of the fat contained in foodstuffs. Potential energy is furnished by fatty tissue. It is a reserve fuel supply for the animal.

A new bacterial disease has attacked chestnut trees in Pennsylvania and New York that is of a contagious order. The leaves turn yellow and the trees die. In appearance the disease is similar to pear blight. Chestnut growers in some parts of New Jersey are reporting the same trouble.

Of all roots, except potatoes, beets are the most sensitive to frost. Carrots will stand considerable freezing without much injury being mostly deep in the ground, but they must be left to thaw in the ground but they must be left to thaw in the ground. Parsnips and vegetable oyster plants are better for being allowed to remain out all winter, and of parsnips, especially, only sufficient should be put in the cellar for use when those out of doors cannot be gotten at.

Sweet potatoes should be harvested before the frosts injure the vines. Cut off tops close to the ground and carefully raise with a fork. Leave tubers exposed for a few hours to dry, then store in a dry place with a temperature at about 55 degrees F.

The Cochran & Jones Lumber Co., have a full assortment of Lumber at their yard in Georgetown, Md., and are receiving larger quantities of lumber daily for their yard in Middletown. A trial order is solicited.

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Republican Ticket!

For President:
WILLIAM H. TAFT,
OF OHIO.

For Vice President:
JAMES S. SHERMAN.
OF NEW YORK.

THE PRIMARIES

To day the Republicans of this county are to hold their nomination election for the purpose of naming candidates for the General Assembly and for county offices. The list as made up shows that in some instances there is no competition, and thus such candidates are assured of being selected.

In regard to other offices there are two or more aspirants, and the interest in such contests is to bring out a full vote. Wherever there is a contest the voters in such districts should register their preference just as they do at the general election. Majority and plurality rule prevail and those who are nominated are to be considered as the choice of the entire party. It is just as much a duty to take part in primary elections as it is to vote at general elections, and the man who does not have enough interest in public affairs and in his party to take part in the primary elections has no right to complain after the nominations have been made.

CLEVELAND ON TAFT

Grover Cleveland's paper, printed in the New York *Times* has made a decided impression upon the intelligent voters of the country. It came as has been said a score of times already, "as a voice from the grave."

Thus far the only answer that the newspaper supporters of Bryan have been able to make is that the printing of the article was unfair to Mr. Cleveland and that the use made of his writing is in the nature of taking advantage of a dead man—that he might have changed his views as the campaign went on, had he lived. But everybody who knew Grover Cleveland realizes that he was a man of positive convictions and that he was not in the habit of changing his views over night. What the only man who has been elected as President by the Democrats since 1860 wrote is to be taken as his sincere and positive convictions. The most pertinent portions of this remarkable article is the applause given to William Howard Taft. In a paragraph, after mentioning several of the important matters to be considered by the next President, Mr. Cleveland wrote:

"These questions are fruitful of trouble and perturbation, and the primary requisite of the man or men who must deal with them is an abundant knowledge of the people of the outlying domain. That Mr. Taft is possessed of this knowledge as is no other man in the country is hardly to be denied; granted that he has had extraordinary opportunities, he has shown himself able to improve these opportunities in a manner which is not extravagant to say will be his broadest claim so far to enduring fame when the acute visual distortion of the present and opportune shall have given place to the inexorable perspective of history in which the relative values of public deeds to public duties are completely claritied and announced to posterity. The misery and misfortune which an ignorant or obstinate administrator, no matter how high the ethical standard of his motives, could entail upon our wards of the Pacific and Carribbean are appalling to contemplate; were his administration to be at fault in any other particular, in these things Mr. Taft's record shows him to be entirely dependable."

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

There seems to be a growing tendency on the part of the youth raised on the farm to seek his fortune in the great centres of population instead of taking up his life work at home. This is to be deplored as it not only robs the rural district of their energy and intelligence, but also robs them of golden opportunities at home, which in the glamour of the exceptional success in the city are overlooked. Never before have those living on the farm been as prosperous as they are to-day, and never before has competition been as keen in the city. The average young man who leaves home full of ambition little realizes the many privations, hardships and temptations he must endure and prove himself superior to, before he can hope to attain even a small measure of success. There it is that the hard times really pinch, and to-day there is many a man foot-sore and weary, with a family dependant upon him at home, tramping the streets looking for work only to be met with a curt refusal from those he approaches.

Statistics go to show that men in the business world, that is among those who are in business for themselves, there are ninety failures in every one hundred ventures, or in other words that ninety business men out of every one hundred fail at some stage of their career. As compared with these figures the failures on the farm are few and far between, and the farmer has much the best of it from this standpoint. Therefore with the same amount of education and acumen which is essential to success in other walks of life applied to the vocation of farming the dangers of failure are nothing as compared with those in the business world and the chances for ultimate material advancement are much greater.

TROLLEY MAKING PROGRESS

J. W. Endean, president and chief engineer of the Smyrna, Kent County and Delaware Bay Traction Company has just returned from an extended visit to Boston and New York where he was in conference with Baron D'Erlanger and Sir Douglas Fox and their engineers representing the British Syndicate of underwriters, who propose underwriting the entire bond issue and acquiring the capital stock of the through State line to be known as "The Diamond State Rapid Transit Company." Financial arrangements are about completed, a few minor legal details only remain to be settled up when all the stock will be acquired by purchase and possession taken by the syndicate, who will elect a resident director to look after their interests regarding the construction of the line. The engineers made a thorough inspection of the proposed route last week, and made a very favorable report on the earning prospects, and cost of construction, and are now completing details for a northern terminal of the line. Arrangements are also being made with the Hurley Track Laying Machine Co., of Chicago, for the laying of the lines which they will contract to do at the rate of three miles per day.

The latest improved machinery will be used throughout, and it is proposed to have the cars equipped and with the latest safety appliances and with every convenience for the comfort of passengers and rapid handling of freight for which two electric locomotives will be used so as to haul several cars at once and which will be hauled at night so as to insure reaching the early morning markets. It is also proposed to construct a branch line from Barrett's Chapel to Bowers' Beach.—*Smyrna Times.*

LETTER TO DR. J. A. JOHNSON

Middletown, Del.

Dear Sir: This happened seven years ago. A man, having three little poultry houses, bought one gallon of each of two paints to paint them; paid $1.60 for one and $1.75 for the other, 15 cents difference.

The $1.60 gallon painted one house, the $1 75 gallon painted the other two houses. The cost of the paint was: first house $1.60; second house 87½c; third house 87½c.

But painting goes with paint, and it costs as much to paint one paint as another, about $3.50 a gallon.

The painting of one of those houses with $1 60 paint cost the same as that of the other two with $1 75 paint; $3.50. Difference $1.75 a house same way as the 75 cents.

Four years ago, he painted that first little house again, same paint—he wanted to know what the cost of keeping a house well painted really is. The other two houses didn't need painting.

Last year he painted all three little houses, same paints as at first: and reckoned his cost to date of beginning the job.

The first little house had cost $5.10 twice, or $10.20, and was ready to paint again; the second two houses had cost $5.20, and were ready to paint again.

That is: saving 15 cents a gallon made one house cost twice as much as the other two houses, besides the fuss of an extra paint job in three years.

The $1.75 paint was Devoe.

This tale is made-up of a thousand experiences. Devoe is always the paint that takes less gallons, costs less money, wears longer, less fuss. And the cost of Devoe is about one fourth of the cost of a paint that doubles the gallons.

Yours truly

59 F W DEVOE & CO

P. S.—J. F. McWhorter & Son sell our paint.

NOTICE

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the Fire, Company, who saved one of our hands quarters.

Also to the ladies, who so kindly and abundantly helped the ones who were so unfortunate as to lose so much by the fire. BAKER BROS.

THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES TO-DAY

The Various Candidates Have Been Active and a Large Vote Will be Polled

The Republican primary election, fixed for to-day, (Saturday), promises to be the most spirited primary held in this county for years. Candidates for the various offices have been unusually active the past week in their canvas for voters and from present indications the activity will show itself in a large vote. The registration is larger than ever, thereby giving the candidates a wider field of voters to draw from. That the vote will show a greatly increased Republican registration over previous years, and a preponderance of total voters over the Democratic party, is already claimed by Republican leaders.

Of the large field of candidates entered for to-day's contest, only two are without opposition. They are Harry A. Brown and Herbert L. Rice. Mr. Brown aspires to the office of clerk of the peace and Mr. Rice to the office of prothonotary. Mr. Brown at present is a member of the Levy Court. Mr. Rice is a practicing lawyer.

Perhaps the hardest fight is being made for the office of county treasurer, at present creditably filled by Robert M. Burns. Two candidates, James Logue, a member of the Levy Court, and Henry Clayton White, a business man, oppose Mr. Burns. Each of the candidates has an unusually large circle of acquaintances, and it would not be surprising if the contest of to-day brings out the largest vote ever cast for a candidate for the office.

The contest for the office of sheriff involves two candidates, Charles H. Lippincott and Joseph E. Martin. Each candidate was defeated in the primaries two years ago by Henry C. Stafford, the present sheriff, and the friends of each candidate are again claiming this year's nomination. It is conceded that the present contest is the easiest one that has been waged for many years, recent primaries having brought as many as four candidates for the place.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Jacob Metz was in Haddonfield, N. J., recently.

Rev. R. C. Walker has returned from Northfield, Mass.

Mr. Ralph Rees is visiting her parents at Woolford.

Miss Mary Barwick spent last week in Moorisville, N. J.

A diver was at the locks Friday, repairing a broken wicket.

Mrs. William Borem and son George are visiting in Baltimore.

Stanley Steele, of Wilmington, is spending a few days here.

Miss Evelyn Cohee, of Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Rebecca Lum.

Miss Helen Ellison, of St. Augustine, is the guest of Mrs. H. W. Kibler.

Miss Lillie Johnson spent several days last week in Haddonfield, N. J.

Mrs. Bessie Bouchelle and children, of Baltimore, are visiting relatives here.

Harry Loraine and friend, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Mrs. T. M Loraine.

Misses Lulu and Lelia Bryon entertained a number of friends Friday evening.

Mrs. T. N. Loraine and Miss Kate Jewell spent Saturday afternoon at Betterton.

Mrs. Newman and daughter Minnie, of Philadelphia, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sweetman.

Thomas B Hopper, of DesMoines, Iowa, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hopper.

Mrs. Schuman and son Raymond, of Baltimore, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Tatman.

Miss Gladys Banks was the guest of Miss Lulu Bryson, near Middletown, several days last.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Towle and William Clark, of Royersford, Pa., are visiting Mrs. S. C. Cummings.

Mrs. Nellie Reed, Misses Louie Queck and Julia Beaston enjoyed a trip to Baltimore and Washington this week.

The Young Men's Driving Association will hold matinee races at Harlan's track on Thursday afternoon at one o'clock sharp. Admission twenty-five cents. Everybody come.

Miss Elizabeth Schnell and Frank Stevens, of Philadelphia, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Stevens.

Misses Ida Bouchelle and Ethel Ellison were entertained by Mrs. Harry Ellison, near Summit Bridge, on Monday.

Mrs. Harry Hudson and Robert Hudson and daughter, of Cumberland, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Hudson.

Miss Augusta Hanson and Alfred Hanson, of Baltimore, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Bouchelle, near Cayot.

Mr. and Mrs. William Montgomery and children and William Lowrey, of Baltimore, were guests of Mrs. Z T. Cooling, Jr., on Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Laws entertained a number of little folks Saturday evening in honor of their daughter Katherine's thirteenth birthday.

The ladies of the M. E Church will hold a "Merry Widow Social" at Reed's corner store Friday and Saturday evenings September 4 and 5. Admission five cents.

A very delightful evening was spent by a number of the young folks Thursday, when Miss Elizabeth Cooling gave an evening social in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Cooling. After the guests arrived they were most agreeably surprised by being informed they would go to Spa Spring pavilion and dance, where two hours of great fun were spent. Upon returning to the home of the hostess, refreshments were served. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Cooling, Mrs. Z T. Cooling, Jr., Misses Elizabeth Cooling, Katharyn McDonald, Louise Boulden, Ila Bouchelle, Ether Banks, Nannie Wright, Marion Boulden, Louie Queck, Margaret Lawton and Julia Garret, of Elkton; Messrs. William and Charles Schaefer, Ward Beaston, Carol Woolleyhan, Robert and Herbert Baker, John Hopper, Eugene Thornton, Thomas Savin, John Clark, William Lowrey, Wilmer and Fred Cooling and Herbert Garrett, of Elkton.

Odds and Ends

This is an end-of-August clearance of short stocks, left-overs and odds and ends. Every piece of summer goods must go no matter what our loss is, as our motto is not to carry anything over from one season to the other. You can buy suits, dresses, skirts, waists, muslin underwear, children's dresses, and a good many other small things at less than it cost the manufacturer to make them.

Our Fall Stock is coming in every day and we must have our room for the new goods. Come early, don't delay, for your neighbors will get the bargains and then you will be left.

A. FOGEL,
Middletown, - Delaware

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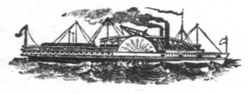

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AND RETURN FROM
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AS FOLLOWS:

ODESSA			SEPTEMBER		PHILA
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Friday	4	2.00 pm	Thursday	3	11.00 am
Monday	7	5.00 pm	Tuesday	8	2.30 pm
Wednes'y	9	6.30 pm	Thursday	10	4.00 pm
Friday	11	7.30 pm	Saturday	12	5.30 pm
Monday	14	11.00 am	Tuesday	15	7.30 pm
Wednes'y	16	12 noon	Thursday	17	11.00 am
Friday	18	2.00 pm	Saturday	19	12 noon
Monday	21	5.30 pm	Tuesday	22	2.00 pm
Wednes'y	23	6.30 pm	Thursday	24	5.30 pm
Friday	25	7.00 pm	Saturday	26	4.30 pm
Monday	28	11.00 am	Tuesday	29	6.30 pm

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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS OF St. Georges Hundred!

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1908 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at the office of

JOSEPH H. ENOS, IN ODESSA,
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23d, 1908
From 9.00 A. M. to 12.00 M.
AT HENRY CLEAVER'S STORE, IN PORT PENN,
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23d, 1908
From 1 P. M. to 4 P. M.

and at the County Tax Collector's Office, South Broad street, Middletown, Del., every Saturday during the month of September, from 9 A. M., to 4 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

WALTER BEASTEN,
Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS —OF— Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1908 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT BLACKBIRD, WATSON'S STORE
SEPTEMBER 19, 1908.
From 2 to 4 P. M.
AT FLEMING'S LANDING,
SEPTEMBER 21st, 1908,
From 2 to 4 P. M.
AT DELANEY'S,
(DAVIS' STORE)
SEPTEMBER 25th, 1908,
From 2 to 4 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

JOHN BEITH,
Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS —OF— APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED!

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1908 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART,
IN TOWNSEND, DEL.,
SATURDAYS,
SEPTEMBER 5, 12, 19 and 26, 1908.
From 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

An abatement of 5 per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid during the month of August.

WILLIAM C. MONEY,
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

REGISTER'S ORDER.

OFFICE OF REGISTER OF WILLS,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Mar. 3, 1908.

Upon the application of Ellen Bradley Administratrix of Emily Whitlock late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administratrix aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such letters in six of the most public place of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown Transcript a newspaper published in Middletown, Delaware, and to be continued therein ten times.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

[Seal] FRANCIS M. WALKER, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the Third day of March A. D. 1908, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to said Administratrix, on or before the Third day of March, 1909, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

ELLEN BRADLEY
Administratrix.

Address,
Martin B. Burris, Esq.,
Attorney-at-Law,
Middletown, Delaware.

Constitutional Amendment!

An Act Proposing an Amendment to Section 15 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Delaware, relating to the Compensation of the Members and Presiding Officers of the General Assembly.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met; (two-thirds of all the members elected to each House agreeing):

SECTION 1. That the following amendment be and the same is hereby proposed to Section 15 of Article 2 of the Constitution of Delaware;

That the word "five" be stricken out of the third line of said Section 15 Article 2 of the Constitution, and the word "ten" be inserted in lieu thereof, and the word "six" be stricken out of the fourth line of Section 15, Article 2 of the Constitution, and the word "twelve" be inserted in lieu thereof.

RICHARD HODGSON,
Speaker of the House.
ISAAC T. PARKER,
President of the Senate.

I, Joseph L. Cahall, Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of House Bill No. 312, entitled "An Act Proposing an Amendment to Section 15 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Delaware, relating to the Compensation of the Members and Presiding Officers of the General Assembly," as the same appears on the enrolled bill filed in the office of the Secretary of State, which said bill proposing such amendment to the Constitution of this State is published in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the state.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, at Dover, this twenty-fifth [SEAL] day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eight.

JOS. L. CAHALL,
Secretary of State.

Political Cards

For Coroner
OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, 1908
CHAS. H. CRAWFORD
OF WILMINGTON
Subject to the rules of the Republican Party.

For Sheriff
OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, 1908
Charles H. Lippincott
OF WILMINGTON HUNDRED
Subject to the decision of the Republican Party.

For Receiver of Taxes and County Treasurer
OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, 1908
ROBERT M. BURNS
OF WILMINGTON HUNDRED
Subject to the decision of the Republican Party.

For County Comptroller
1908
C. CANBY HOPKINS
Subject to the decision of the Republican Party.

For Coroner
OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY 1908
James H. Callaway
Subject to the decision of Republican Party.

For County Comptroller
OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY 1908
Philemma Chandler
Subject to the decision of the Republican Party.

For County Commissioner
1908
of the Sixth District, comprising Pencader and St. Georges Hundreds,
JOHN W. DAYETT
OF PENCADER HUNDRED
Subject to the decision of the Republican Party.

For County Commissioner
1908
of the Sixth District, comprising Pencader and St. Georges Hundreds,
Warren O. Armstrong
OF PENCADER HUNDRED
Subject to the decision of the Republican Party.

For County Commissioner
1908
of the Sixth District, comprising Pencader and St. Georges Hundreds,
O. W. KERSHAW
OF ST. GEORGES HUNDRED
Subject to the decision of the Republican Patry.

For Assessor
ST. GEORGES HUNDRED
JOSEPH A. SUYDAM
OF MIDDLETOWN
Subject to the decision of the Republican Party

For Assessor
ST. GEORGES HUNDRED
GEORGE W. INGRAM
OF MIDDLETOWN
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The Coronet Line, for boys, price $2.00.

We have also a full line of suits for school boys and of dresses for school girls at prices which cannot be equalled anywhere.

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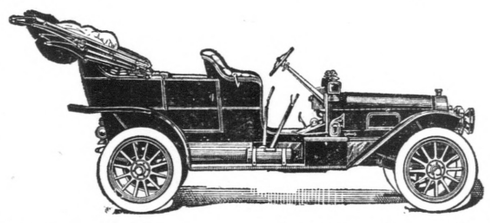
Number 2—260 acres, 2 miles from Delaware City, and is known as the E. L. Clark farm. It has a large brick dwelling and a large brick barn. About 250 acres in cultivation, balance is marsh or meadow used for pasture. This farm lays on the stone road leading to Wilmington, and is about 14 miles therefrom. This land is in splendid condition and surrounded by high priced farms. It is very productive and ought to suit anyone wanting a safe and sure investment. It will grow as much grain as No. 1, and both of these farms ought to sell in 30 days time, as they are well located, and the land is equal to anything on the market in Delaware. $15,000 buys this elegant farm and home. For further particulars call or address.

E. H. BECK, Middletown, Delaware



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Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.25 a. m., 10.05 a.m., 4.05 p.m. 6.00 p. m. and 8 p. m.

Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m For Odessa—7.0 a. m., 8.30 a. m. 11.30 a. m., 4.50 p. m.

For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.20 a. m. and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., SEPT. 5 1908.

Local News

All the latest styles in wall paper at J. E. GINN's. Long distance 'phone No. 109.

High-grade dental service. Examination and estimate, free. Dr. J. Allen Johnson, Middletown. 'Phone 18.

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After June 1st, the Library hours will be as follows: Tuesday, 7 to 8.30 P. M.; Saturday, 3 to 5 and 7 to 8.30 P. M.

Dr. J. C. Stites has removed his dental office to the building recently vacated by the Western Union Telegraph Co., next door to J. L. Shepherd's office.

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Miss Mary McClellan and Malcolm Croft both of Odessa, were united in marriage on Wednesday evening by the Rev. J. A. Arters.

Mr. G. L. Cochran has received the agency for the Mitchell and Ford automobiles, and will open a garage and keep an expert who will do all kinds of repairing.

REMOVAL NOTICE. — Dr. M. B. Burstan, Eye Specialist and Optician, has removed his optical office to North East orner Broad and Main Sts, second floor of Burstan's Corner Store.

Does your subscription fall due in September? Watch the label on THE TRANSCRIPT coming to you and send your remittance. Remember the postal law only allows us to give you one year's credit. We will appreciate your attending to this matter promptly.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.—We contract in Delaware and Maryland for the best Wire Fence made. See us before buying and be convinced.

ALGIRE & WILSON.

The Cochran & Jones Lumber Co., have a full assortment of Lumber at their yard in Georgetown, Md., and are receiving larger quantities of lumber daily for their yard in Middletown. A trial order is solicited.

The Rev. William H. Hutchin will preach in Forest Presbyterian Church on to-morrow. (Sunday), both morning and evening, and the Rev. F. H. Moore expects to be home and occupy his pulpit on Sunday, September 13th.

Plenty of young rabbits and many coveys of partridges are reported as being seen along the county roads. Now if the man with a gun in November, can see the same amount, there will be some sport for sure among the gunners.

Mrs. A. Fogel and Miss R. E. Culp will leave for New York, Monday, September 7th, to attend the Openings. Mrs. Fogel while there will purchase her stock, which will be one of the largest and best selected stocks south of Philadelphia.

More than 200 tickets were sold at the depot in this town Thursday morning for Wilmington. The attraction was the New Castle County Agricultural Fair, and the local horses entered there drew a large crowd from rural New Castle County.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Aug. 27: Mrs. Florence Ardice, Mrs. L. G. Dutton, Miss Maurie F. Harrison, Miss Sarah M. Lester, Miss Margaret Prettyman, Mr. Arthur Avery, Mr. Tom Monrow.

A Matinee Race, given by the Middletown Driving Park Association, will take place at their track near town, on Thursday, September 17th, and some excellent sport may be looked for. The best horses on the Delaware-Maryland Peninsula will be there. Records made there will be no bar, this association being a member of the National Association.

With the advent of September the season of the reed bird and oyster begin, not to mention the passing of one of the hottest summers on record. While it is not unlikely that the weather man will dispense some warm days during the month of September, yet the nights will be cool, and humanity in general is pretty thankful that summer is at an end.

With the approach of cool weather the young men in and around Chesapeake City have begun to renew their interest in tennis. The court is on the High School grounds, overlooking Back Creek. Among those who play are: Rev. Mr. Walker, Dr. D. Smithers, Prof. Hugh Caldwell, Messrs. H. Sherman and Deaver, also F. C. Conrey, Esq., of the Philadelphia bar.

At present the population of the New Castle County Workhouse is the largest it has ever been. There are 310 single cells in the prison, but as the inmates number 347, a number have to sleep two in a cell. Of the number of prisoners in the workhouse, fifty are from Kent and Sussex counties and about seventy are awaiting trial in the courts of the county at the next term.

The Department of Agriculture has found that the automobile has replaced about 60,000 horses in this country, but that farm horses have never been in such great demand as at the present moment. In fact the demand for horses for all uses has become stronger and stronger during the last two years, the farm horses alone in use on January 1st, 1908, numbered no less than 1,999,000 in round numbers.

The first event of the day at the New Castle County Fair on Wednesday was the 2.30 class novelty race, and this was won by Rex W., owned by J. C. Alston of Middletown, after three heats had been trotted. Each heat was a race and the prize was $100 for each heat, divided into four moneys. Rex W. was considered the winner, because he won one heat and finished second in both the other heats. Prodigal Son, owned by G. F. Satterfield of Townsend, and Mabel Direct, owned by E. H. Johnson of Denton, Md., each won a heat. Every heat was a good race.

FOR SALE.—A number one coon dog, thoroughly broken; guaranteed. A week's trial will be given. Price $30. Address, Andrew Runner, R. F. D. No. 2. Warwick, Md.

At the New Castle County Agricultural Fair held at Wilmington this week, Mr. N. J. Williams of this town, was awarded three blue ribbons and one red ribbon. Mr. Williams had only four of his thoroughbred horses and colts entered, two of them being in the same class and they were awarded first and second prizes. Baron Larabie, his handsome standard bred stallion, was awarded first prize, and greatly admired by the thousands of visitors. Jessicka McCurdy and her colt by Uriu, won first. Palo Axworthy, a yearling colt by Axworthy, won a blue ribbon, while Cornelia Onward Dewey, a yearling filly by Admiral Dewey, was awarded second prize.

UNION CHURCH NEAR BLACKBIRD

The memory of old Union M. E. Church near Blackbird, now practically abandoned as a regular church, is to be perpetuated chiefly because of its age and associations, having been the home of the late Bishop Scott and the resting place of his body. The church is not now used for regular services and if some care should not be taken of it, it would decay and soon become nothing but a mass of ruins. It is a brick structure and can be preserved, and it is the intention of those interested, headed by Rev. F. C. MacSorley, who is on that circuit, to see that it is taken care of and that its memory is kept alive. In order to make the movement for preservation effective, it has been decided to have annual reunions on the first Sunday in September of each year. Consequently there will be such a reunion to-morrow and Pastor MacSorley is arranging an interesting programme, with a view to having services all day. The morning sermon will be preached by Rev. Thomas L. Poulson, D. D., and the Rev. J. A. Arters, of Middletown, will preach in the afternoon. The old church is much beloved by the residents of that section of the State. It is located in Appoquinimink hundred about 2½ miles southeast of Townsend, and was formerly the centre of a fairly populous rural district, but because of the development of other churches, most of the regular attendants have transferred their membership, which makes it impossible to keep up the church in a regular way, but it will be kept alive, nevertheless, by the annual reunions. It is not known just how old the building or congregation is. An effort is being made to get the details of their history. The present building, is not the first one on the site, although it is very old. The original building was of frame. Mr. MacSorley, who is in charge of the circuit, is pastor of the M. E. Church at Townsend. It is probable that an effort will be made to form an association to look after the care of the building and arrange for the annual reunions.

DRUG VICTIM RECOVERS

Walter Biddle, of State Road, has been released from Farnhurst Hospital, restored in mind and body, after being practically insane since last February, when he was either overcome by illuminating gas or was drugged. Biddle and a companion Lemuel Butler, drove to Elkton in search of a horse that had been stolen. They then went to Wilmington, where they stopped at the Bull's Head Hotel, and it is said drank some liquor. The next morning they were found almost suffocated with illuminating gas which was escaping in the room. Both remained asleep for three days, which led the physicians to believe that they had been drugged. Butler died soon after and when Biddle recovered consciousness his mind was a blank and he was taken to Farnhurst for treatment, where he recovered and was released.

HELD UP BY HIGHWAYMEN.

Arthur Johnson, residing on the farm of "Doc" Massey north of Smyrna, had an uncomfortable experience while returning home Saturday night. When at the bridge near Duck Creek two men stepped out and covered him with their revolvers with the command "Hold up Your Hands!" Johnson saw he was up against a tough proposition and let the highwaymen have their way. They took his ring and all the money he had on his person. Johnson, it is understood, believes the men were masked to represent colored men. He was allowed to "go home" under the command that "if he raised his voice or mentioned the affair" he would be dealt severely with the next time.

HAVE THE CHILD'S EYES EXAMINED

No advice could be more pertinent to this work than that given by Dr. Neff, Director of the Department of Public Health and Charities, to have the eyes of school children examined.

Many a child fails in studies and breaks down because the eyes need glasses. Some such children cannot see words and figures on the blackboard. Some have headaches, nausea and digestive disturbance from astigmatism, unequal focus or other defects of the lenses of the eye. A very large share of failures in the grammar grades and in our high schools are solely due to this cause.

No child can be harmed by the examination of his or her eyes by a trained eye specialist. Many a boy or girl is saved from lifelong nervous overstrain by having the eyes properly fitted with glasses.—*Phila. Press.*

Colored Religious Gathering

Big Quarterly, the annual church festival of the colored people of Delaware, was appropriately observed in Wilmington, Sunday, and the city was the mecca for many colored visitors from the lower part of Delaware. All day long French street, on which the celebrating church, the African Union is located, was thronged with colored persons, and they found enjoyment in attending the special services in the church and also in promenading and visiting. Good order was the rule, and the force of policemen on duty along French street had very little to do.

Miss R. E. Culp Returns

Our friends and patrons will no doubt be delighted to hear that Miss R. E. Culp, who was with us last season, as trimmer, and with Schomyle's three seasons, will be with A. Fogel for the Fall and Winter Millinery Seasons. Miss Culp has made many friends here by her pleasant ways and artistic taste. A. FOGEL.

PERSONALITIES.

Miss Lydia Dockety has been sojourning at Bowers Beach.

Mrs. Spranklin, of Overbrook, Pa., is the guest of Miss Jodie Biggs.

Miss Neta Crosby, of Wilmington, is visiting Miss Sadie O'Neal.

Miss Clara Vaughan, of Milton, is the guest of Mrs. A. M. Chamberlaine.

Mr. Edward Beck, of Washington, D. C.; is visiting his father, Mr. E. H. Beck.

Mrs. Ella Pennington, of Philadelphia, is the guest of relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Eunice Wilson is entertaining her sister, Miss Mary Roberts, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. W. A. Comegys is visiting her son, Mr. Joseph Comegys and wife, in Philadelphia.

Miss Cornelia Townsend, of Odessa, has been visiting Miss Mary Hutchin during this week.

Mr. William Wilson and son, of Butler, Pa., have been visiting his brother, Mr. Harry Wilson.

Dr. and Mrs. P. R. Smith are visiting relatives near Wyoming, Bowers Beach and Oxford, Md.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Allen Johnson and children have returned, after spending a week at Betterton, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. VanSant, of Wilmington, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Green.

Mr. Isaac Green, of Philadelphia, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac M. Green, near town.

Miss Mattie B. Green, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac M. Green, near town.

Rev. P. L. Donaghay, Rector of St. Anne's Episcopal Church left this week for Atlantic City, for a two weeks' vacation.

Misses Nellie Murphey, Margaret Fisher and Mame Powers, of Wilmington, were guests of Mrs. Margaret J. Darlington over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kern, of Philadelphia, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Brockson several days during the past week.

Misses Bessie and Ethel Evans returned to their home in Philadelphia Thursday, after a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Ella Stanger and family.

Mr. Rossiter McCrone returned Friday morning after a three years' stay in the Philippines, and is visiting his mother, Mrs. Ida R. McCrone and family, on Green street.

BASE BALL

Middletown Defeated Unknowns by the Score of 17 to 3

The game of base ball played on Wednesday afternoon last between the regular team and a picked nine calling themselves the Unknowns, was a one sided affair, the regular team winning by the score of 17 to 3. The gate receipts amounted to $25, and, according to the agreement made by the managers, the winning team got all the cash, and the Unknowns will in all probability not want another contest. The Unknowns made two runs in the first inning on two passed balls and made their other run in the seventh inning.

The score by innings follows:

Middletown.....0 0 2 2 5 1 6 1 x—17
Unknowne.....2 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0— 3

The Wilmington Field Club will be here to-day and try conclusions with the home team. This should be a very interesting game, as the visitors defeated the locals a few weeks ago, and the home team will try hard to redeem itself to-day.

Middletown is to have a baseball novelty. On the 10th of September (next Thursday) a ball club composed of Cherokee Indians, accompanied by Miss Maud Nelson, the champion lady pitcher of the world, will play the local club. Our club will be strengthened and the games will be for blood. We will not only have the novelty of an Indian ball club with a lady pitcher, but the greatest novelty of all will be the night game. The Indians have with them a complete electrical outfit with which they can illuminate a ball ground to daylight brightness, and they will play a game Thursday night as well as Thursday afternoon. There is every prospect of being a big crowd in attendance at these two games.

BATTLED WITH FLAMES

Boston, Mass., Sept. 1.—After a nerve-racking fight with fire, during which the captain and white officers, with clubs and revolvers, drove the panic-stricken coolie crew to work, the British steamer Muncaster Castle, from Oriental ports, arrived here last night, with a valuable eastern cargo and a collection of wild animals.

Fire broke out in No. 3 hold on the night of July 27th, while the steamer was in the Red Sea. The Chinese crew became terror-stricken and leaped to the lifeboats. To add to the confusion, the electric lights went out. Captain Watson, with his white officers and two American government surveyors, R. M. McCrone of Middletown, and John E. Herrick of Buffalo, homeward bound from the Philippines, drove the coolies from the lifeboats and forced them to fight the flames. Water was unavailing against the fire: and when an attempt was made to smother the blaze with steam, it was discovered that one of the bulkheads was open. Engineer Fairburn, however, with a wet sponge in his mouth entered the fiery bold, closed the bulkhead and saved the ship. The loss is estimated at $50,000. Mr. R. M. McCrone, is the only son of Mrs. Ida R. McCrone of this town, and his numerous friends will be interested in the above news item.

DELAWARE RED MEN

One thousand Red Men from Delaware will participate in the Founders' Week pageant at Philadelphia next month. A joint committee from all the tribes of Red Men in the State have appointed subcommittees to arrange for the participation, and none among the Quaker City organizations that will be is the pageant will be handsomer or less worthy of notice than the Red Men from Delaware.

The Delawareans will be accompanied by several bands of music and will invade Philadelphia in all the glory of war paint. Red Men of Philadelphia will entertain them, and Delaware warriors are preparing to be captured as well as to help celebrate Philadelphia's foundering.

The joint committee from all the tribes in Delaware will meet in Wilmington next Wednesday night in Red Men's Hall to make further arrangements for the visit.

WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE

One of the Buildings at Baker's Corn Cannery in Ashes

The people of Middletown were greatly excited on Tuesday morning when one of the large buildings at Baker's Corn Cannery was destroyed by fire. The building burned was used by the Bohemian workmen who came here from Baltimore, Md., as their living quarters, and some one circulated a rumor that several small children had perished in the flames, but it was not true, as only one child was slightly burned.

The entire structure was ablaze when the firemen arrived and they turned their attention to saving another building but a few feet away. It wa sgood work with but one line of hose, and they deserve credit, although working under the disadvantage of bursting hose in two instances. The loss was comparatively small outside the burned building, which was fully covered by insurance, and the Messrs. Baker have already contracted with Mr. G. L. Cochran to build another one. The reports of the loss of money by the employes are trifling, we are informed, the Messrs. Baker being willing to remunerate all for the full amount of checks lost by the fire.

The ladies of the New Century Club also got busy, and by soliciting aid from the citizens, were able to send two wagon loads of clothing and other necessaries to the unfortunate ones. The Messrs. Baker are profuse in their thanks to the aid they received from our fire-fighters and the ladies and others of our town.

CECILTON

Miss Fannie Redding, of Virginia, is visiting Miss Elma Taylor.

Clifford V. and Fred E. Hoover are home after baseball season.

Mrs. J. Beltz entertained her sister from Golt one day last week.

Mrs. Peacock, of Massey, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Peacock.

Miss Janie Smith is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Boyles, near Massey.

Miss Vita Houe, of Philadelphia, has been visiting Miss Frances Griffith.

A. W. Jones and wife, of Massey, spent Sunday with Mr. Thomas P. Jones and wife.

Misses Mollie and Lelia McCoy have been the guests of Mrs. J. D. McCoy, of Cayots.

Miss Leona Yates has returned home, after spending sometime with friends in Delaware.

Miss Mary Blackway, who has been spending sometime in Kent County, has returned home.

Mrs. Bennett, of Lankford, and Mr. C. Perkins, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Blackway.

Lewis Freeman and brother Wallis, of Philadelphia, spent last week with their grandparents, Mr. H. W. Black and wife.

Mrs. John Van Buskirk and daughters, Misses Blanche and Penola, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mrs. William Alderson.

Rev. R. C. Watkins, wife and daughters, Misses Helen and Grace, were entertained on Thursday by Mr. Burk and wife.

Misses Blanche and Penola VanBuskirk and friend, of Baltimore, and Mr. and Mrs. P. Smith were the guests of Mr. Elwood Padley and wife, near Earleville, on Sunday.

WARWICK

Mrs. R. D. Aikin is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. John L. Lattomus is visiting Townsend.

T. Bayard Vinyard visited Harrington, Del., this week.

Miss A. Estelle Marsh was at Chesapeake City this week.

Mrs. R. B. Merritt was the guest of Mrs. Lydia Coverdale.

Miss Agnes Crowley was the guest of the Misses Marsh this week.

A number of Warwicktonians attended the Wilmington Fair this week.

Mrs. Sallie Gunkle is entertaining Mrs. Dan Mitchell, of Atlantic City, N. J.

Clarence Lipiscomb was the guest of relatives in town part of the past week.

Mrs. Benjamin Hall who has been quite ill is slowly convalescing. Dr. C. A. Ritchie has been in attendance.

Contractors were in Warwick on Monday looking over the road that is to be improved. They say work will begin October 1st.

The local base ball team went to Smyrna on Saturday putting up a beautiful game, but were defeated by one run, the score being 4 to 5. Our boy's will go to Cecilton Wednesday where they will go against the Hoover brothers and other strong players. Smyrna will give a return game on the local diamond Saturday, September 5th. A strong game may be looked for.

CHAMPION GRAPE VINEYARDS

The farm of Mrs. Joseph E. Carter near Clayton, which is tenanted by John A. Reed is the scene of much activity these days in handling grapes. The grape vineyard which was the pride of the late Joseph E. Carter will produce more grapes this year than any time in its history. John A. Reed who has been making a specialty of grape culture, thinks their vineyard will have between 9,000 and 10,000 cases this year. The grapes of the Concord, Moore's Early and the Niagara varieties. They are especially fine this year and are bringing the highest market prices.

WHISKEY AWAITING DESTRUCTION

The enforcement of the Prohibition law in Georgia and the raiding of illicit stills has resulted in the accumulation of 3,000 gallons of whiskey in the basement of the Federal building at Atlanta. Revenue officers have confiscated this quantity of liquor, and are awaiting final instructions as to its disposal. Before the state prohibitory law went into effect, it was the policy for the government to sell at auction liquors confiscated by revenue officers. Since the enactment of the prohibitory law, such a disposal becomes impossible, and the probabilities favor that this liquor will be emptied in the Atlanta sewers.

TOWNSEND

Miss Lilian N. West visited Miss Elsie Carey, near Smyrna, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Donovan spent Sunday with relatives in Houston.

Miss Mable Hudson, of Wyoming, is the guest of Miss Beaulah Hodgson.

Miss Ethel Eldredge, of Wilmington, is visiting Miss Lilian Hart this week.

Mrs. Joanna Lattomus is quite ill at the home of her son, D. B. Maloney.

Miss Lilian Hart spent last week with Mrs. Henrietta Parvis, in Middletown.

Miss Gertrude Spackman, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mrs. Winfield Lattomus.

Miss Norma Hart is spending this week with her aunt, Mrs. Rosie Wilson, in Smyrna.

Mrs. W. H. Reynolds and children are spending two weeks with her parents at Greensboro.

Miss Alice McCoy, of near Odessa, was the guest of Miss Arrelee Lattomus on Wednesday.

Miss Rena Knotts, of Cheswold, has been visiting Miss Mildred Ginn during the past week.

On account of the reunion of Old Union there will be no service in Townsend M. E. Church until evening.

Mrs. Amanda Quillen and niece, Miss Marian Hart, have returned home, after spending several weeks in Philadelphia.

Miss Marian Hart entertained a number of her little friends on Tuesday afternoon in honor of her eleventh birthday.

Old Union M. E. Church will celebrate its annual reunion on to-morrow, (Sunday). Services in the morning at 10.30, preaching by Rev. Poulson, of Ridley Park, Pa. Service in the afternoon at 2.30, preaching by Rev. J. A. Arters, of Middletown.

ODESSA

Miss Cornelia Townsend is spending a week with friends in Middletown.

Miss Ethel L. Mailly has returned home, after a visit with friends at Atglen, Pa.

Rev. John Snape, of Utica, N. Y., is visiting at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Morris.

Miss Marion Mifflin has returned home, after an extended visit at Wildwood, N. J.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Hutchins, of Middletown, spent Sunday last with friends in town.

Miss Mary Aspril is entertaining her friend, Miss Charlotte Harder, of West Chester, Pa.

Master Joseph Rhoads, of Newark, is visiting his little cousin, Master Kenneth Rhoads, this week.

Miss Emma Robb, of Chester, Pa., is visiting at the home of her grandparents, John Morris and wife.

Mr. Frank B. Ward, of Philadelphia, is spending a week with his parents, Harry Ward and wife.

Mr. and Mrs Charles Morris, of Chester, Pa., are spending a few days of this week with relatives here.

Mrs. Williams Johnson has returned home, after a visit with relatives in Delaware City and Salem, N. J.

Miss Georgia C. Enos, of Wilmington, was the guest of her parents, Joseph L. Enos and wife, on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Corbit have returned home, after spending sometime in Massachusetts and New York.

Little Miss Mabelle Coppage, of Wilmington, is spending a week with her grandmother, Mrs. G. E. Coppage.

Mr. Robert Mobray has returned to his home in Baltimore, after spending a few days at the home of Mrs. D. Gilch.

Mrs. D. Jones Givan and son Kenneth, spent one day of this week with her mother, Mrs. A. Eaten, in Port Penn.

Mrs. John Webb and daughter, Mrs. C. N. Dickerson of Middletown, visite relatives in town on Tuesday of this week.

William Rose, wife and daughter Madeline, of Wilmington, spent Sunday last at the home of his sister, Mrs. O. C. Stevens.

On to-morrow, (Sunday), Rev. John Snape of Utica, N. Y., will preach in St. Pauls M. E. Church, both morning and evening.

Mrs. John Corbit and little daughter Anna, of Wilmington, spent Sunday last at the home of her parents, Joseph L. Gibson and wife.

Mr. G. Krumm, wife and son Elwood have returned to Philadelphia, after spending sometime at the home of John Heldmyer and family.

J. Mulhberger and family have as their guests, Messrs. Gus and Oscar Moser, Andrew Scholler, Herman Smith and Otto Mulhberger, of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bolden and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward, of Chester, Pa., were entertained on Saturday and Sunday last at the home of Harry Ward and family.

CURRENT PRICES

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Wheat—No. 1	$ .92	Corn—	
No. 2		Yellow, shelled	80
Timothy Seed	$3.25	" cob	80
Clover Seed	.22	Oats	62

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Eggs, per doz	22@24
Country Butter, per lb	23@28
Creamery Butter, per lb	32
Lard, per lb	12@14
Live Chickens, per lb	12@16
Potatoes	45

NOTICE!

The undersigned, members of Middletown Board of Health, will begin Monday, the 14th inst., to make a thorough inspection of the sanitary conditions of the entire town. Backyards and out houses will be examined.

Special attention will be given to all public places, such as grocery stores, butcher shops, slaughter houses and cellars of such places. Any empty lot overgrown with high grass or weeds will be considered a nuisance.

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∴ THE LOST LEASE ∴

BY OSCAR PARKER

Paul Tarrant sat in his study running through the morning papers and marking with a blue pencil the paragraphs his secretary would cut out, file and index at a later hour. One of these paragraphs ran as follows:

Strange Disappearance of a Barrister.—Mr. Percy Brinstair, a well-known barrister of the Inner Temple, has mysteriously disappeared, and foul play is suspected. He intended leaving St. Pancras at midnight of night before last to attend the Assizes, being held this week at Sheffield. He requested the housekeeper to have a cab called for him at 11.15, saying he should spend the evening at his office, presumably studying his briefs. He dismissed his clerks early in the evening. The cabman came for him at the hour named, and, after waiting for some ten minutes, called up the housekeeper, who proceeded to Mr. Brinstir's offices but failed to attract his attention by knocking, and, on trying the door, found it fastened. Apprehensive of something wrong, the housekeeper called a policeman, and the door was forced. To their surprise, they found no body within. Everything was in perfect order; in fact, appearances suggested that Mr. Brinstair had been writing at his desk, threw down his pen on a half finished memorandum, put on his hat, and departed without even turning down the gas, which was burning brightly. Mr. Brinstair's portmanteau, containing briefs and other papers, stood open on the floor near his chair. That gentleman, however, had not appeared at Sheffield, where he was expected yesterday, and inquiries at his residence were fruitless in obtaining any clew to his possible whereabouts. His family are in great distress naturally, and clients who have placed valuable papers in his hands required in causes down for trial this week are much embarrassed. The police are making investigatons.

Paul Tarrant's survey of the newspapers was interrupted by a knock at the door and the announcement that a gentleman wished to see him on business. The visitor's card bore the name of Harvey Cheeseman, and when Mr. Cheeseman appeared he came with a rush and was plainly in a state of high excitement, on which Tarrant's cool manner acted as an irritant.

Mr. Tarrant, he cried, as soon as he was inside the door, I am in great difficulty, and want your immediate help. Money is no object. Put everything aside for my matter.

Sit down, Mr. Cheeseman, answered Tarrant, calmly, and tell me as plainly as possible what your matter is. Then I can decide whether I can help you or no.

Oh, but you must, demanded the visitor, who appeared incapable of taking anything quickly and ignored the chair Tarrant's secretary placed for him. No doubt you have heard of Mr. Brinstair's disappearance. Tarrant nodded. Well, he had in his office a most important document, worth many thousand pounds to me, and it is gone. That document I must have within twenty-four hours. The police are simply trying to find what has become of Brinstair; they don't care for my document. Now, I don't care what has become of Brinstair, I want that paper.

But, said Tarrant, if they find him, perhaps they will find the the paper.

They may or may not, retorted Mr. Cheeseman; probably not. It is wanted at the Assizes this week. A portmanteau full of papers to be used at the same Assizes lies in his office, but my document is not among them. Nor is it in the box among other papers of mine. I can't wait for the dilatory methods of the police. I want an independent inquiry.

As the matter is so pressing, then, tell me in as few words as possible the nature of this document.

It is an assignment of a lease of the Terrivale Coal Mines. An action of trespass has been brought against me, and the plaintiffs in that suit have also applied for an injuction to prevent my working the mines till the trespass case is tried. Unless I can product this assisgnment they will get their injunction, and my loss will be enormous if I am stopped.

□But surely you can compel them to pay any loss you may suffer if you win eventually.

Oh, they are men of straw, not worth a penny. I tell you, Mr. Tarrant, pleaded Cheeseman, fairly jumping with nervous excitement, nothing can exaggerate the importance of that lease to me at this moment.

Well, well, Mr. Cheeseman; we will take a cab down to the Temple and look at the situation. We can talk further as we go, but let me add that, unless you can calm yourself, you will increase my difficulties considerably, to which Mr. Cheeseman replied that now that Tarrant had taken the affiair in hand he felt easier.

On their way Tarrant put a few pertinent questions. Where, he asked, did you last see this document, Mr. Cheeseman?

At Brinstair's office. We locked it up again in the box reserved for my papers.

When was that?

On Friday last.

And this is Wednesday. And you haven't seen it since then?

No. I was going on Saturday, and arranged to meet Brinstair at Sheffield yesterday?

Could Brinstair have put it in the wrong box by mistake?

Impossible? He had the box brought in, stood it on the table beside his desk, opened it and took out the lease. When we had finished with it, he put it back. I distinctly remember seeing him relock the box.

And did he put the box back in its place?

That I don't remember—I'm not sure— don't think he did, though, while I stayed.

Where did you go then?

To my office in Cannon street, where I had an oppointment, and then home.

What did that appointment have reference to?

Not to this matter in any way.

Then that wouldn't help us any?

No; it was merely to close up a purchase of some shares and debentures. It was too late to deposit the certificates in a safer place, so I put them in my own safe till I came back from the North.

Who has an interest in abstracting or destroying this assignment of the lease?

Nobody but the people who have brought the action for trespass.

Well, Mr. Cheeseman, here we are at the Temple. We shall soon know if Mr. Brinstair has been heard of.

An amount of bustle unusual in the quiet precincts of the Temple was apparent as they approached the stairway leading to Mr. Brinstair's offices.

A police inspector was leaving the room as they drew near. Are you on this job? he asked Mr. Tarrant.

A side issue only, replied Tarrant. Have you any clew to the mystery?

Nothing conclusive. Mr. Brinstair's hat, identified by his card inside the lining has been found in the river. That may mean something or nothing—a clew or a ruse?

Exactly. We can go in?

Certainly. Come in. There is no one here but a constable and Mr. Brinstair's confidential clerk. Nothing has been disturbed. It is evident that Mr. Brinstair was induced to leave his office by somebody or for some purpose during the evening, and never came back as he intended when he left.

Well, I am not interested professionally in his disappearance, otherwise than as it might bear on a missing document belonging to this gentleman, Mr. Cheeseman. I only want the box in which the papers were kept, and the portmanteau examined. Tarrant turned to the confidential clerk and added: Perhaps you will oblige me by going through them while I am here.

It is no good, interposed Mr. Cheeseman, irritably, doing that again. We have gone through the lot.

Do you really want me to find this paper for you? asked Tarrant, with just a shade of annoyance in his tone.

Certainly! Of course I do.

Well, then; oblige me by going straight to your office and waiting there till I come to you or send for you. You really put me out.

Mr. Cheeseman was so amazed that, for the first time that morning, his muscles had a rest. Murmuring something indistinguishable, he turned and left the room.

□Now, sir, said Tarrant to the confidential clerk, who proceeded to make another search under the keen eye of the detective, who meanwhile engaged him in conversation.

Curiously excitable man, this Mr. Cheeseman, he said.

Yes; even more so this morning, than usual.

Naturally nervous and impulsive, though, I should say.

Very; he always comes in and goes out like a whirlwind when he calls here.

You were not present, I suppose when he saw Mr. Brinstair on Friday?

No. sir; they were in Mr. Brinstair's private room.

Did you speak to him when he came out?

Only to say 'Good afternoon' to him. He passed through with his usual rush, murmuring something about being late for an appointment.

Do you remember handling Cheeseman's box that day?

Yes. I took it into the private room, and afterwards replaced it.

Was that after Mr. Cheeseman had gone?

After he had gone out; yes, sir.

How old is Mr. Brinstair?

About sixty-five, I think, sir.

In good health?

Fairly good. Work has been pressing rather heavily on him of late. He had an unusually large number of briefs for this circuit.

Accustomed to work late here?

Often.

A temperance man?

Strictly.

Smoke?

Rather excessively, I should say—ten or a dozen cigars a day.

Where does he keep his cigars here?

In a box in the drawer of his desk.

Oblige me by bringing the box here.

The clerk went into the inner room, and presently returned with a cigar box in his hand. This, he said is the only one I find and it is empty. Tarrant glanced at it, thanked him, and added that he had no further use for it.

Well, inspector, said Tarrant, a few moments later; that document is not here. I didn't suppose it was, but the time hasn't been wasted. Have you telegraphed to the Sheffield police yet?

No, answered the inspector, surprised. Why?

Well, I should, if I were you. Ask if a man answered Brinstair's description has turned up, wandering in the streets of that town. I will come back in about an hour to see if you have an answer.

They left the offices together, the inspector to act on Tarrant's hint and the latter visited the nearest cigar shops. Finally, at one of them, he learned that a gentleman who, from the shopkeeper's account, bore some resemblance to the missing man, came in a few evenings before at about ten o'clock and bought a dozen cigars of a special brand not often called for.

Asked if he had any conversation with this customer, the shopkeeper replied: Well, now, I most forget. I remember he remarked it was a hot night, and—oh, yes; he said he wondered if it would be cooler down on the embankment. He lit one of the cigars and went out, and I haven't seen him since.

Tarrant wandered down to the embankment, also lit a cigar and leaned on the parapet, with his eyes on the traffic on the river. He changed his locality three or four times, always apparently, selecting a spot near a seat where one or more of the homeless frequenters of these outdoor lodgings were sitting. Presently an idea or a recollection struggled into the mind of one of the tattered and unshaven ones, and he brightened up a bit, and called out to Tarrant, Yer'll lose yer at, guv-nor, if you ain't keerful

What makes you thiuk so? asked Tarrant, turning to him.

Well a gent like you comes down 'ere t'other night and stands a-smokin' at the river, an' talking to hisself like, an' 'e nearly went owver after it. 'E might 'a' guv me that 'at 'nstead o' silin' it darn to Wooppin.'

I'm obliged to you for the information, my friend. Do you think it is worth a bob?

Thank 'e guv'nor; easy arned.

Tarrant strolled back to Brinstair's offices. The inspector met him with an expression of admiration on his face. You hit it, Mr. Tarrant, he said; our man was picked up wandering in the streets of Sheffield last night, quite out of his mind like. Couldn't remember his name, or where he lived, or what he was in Sheffield for. He was detained and is being taken care of; but how did it occur to you sir?

Why, such things happen, inspector. There was no good ground to suspect foul play or suicide, and I imagined that a man who had overworked and oversmoked himself might collapse like that. You knew he had not turned up in London. What more likely than that he should follow out a fixed purpose and make his way to the station and book for Sheffield, though quite unconscious of what he was doing?

I see; but how did his hat get into the river, I wonder?

He had smoked his last cigar, and wanted another. He went to buy one, meaning to come directly back, but it was a hot night and he turned down to the Embankment, thinking it might be cooler. There is a poor wretch down there, who, for a 'bob,' will tell you how he lost his hat while leaning over the parapet. It was then, in my judgment that his memory left him. When the mind is just on the balance, a very little thing will topple it over—as well as a hat.

But this doesn't find Mr. Cheeseman's paper, sir, does it?

No; we'll let Mr. Cheeseman find that himself. Do you want to go with me?

If you please; I am curious.

They took a cab to Cannon street, and found Tarrant's excitable client pacing to and fro in a state of distress. He welcomed Taarant with effusion. Have you any good news for me? he cried.

The detective smiled that bland and non-committal smile of his.

I think, he cried, you told me that your appointment after you left Brinstair last Friday had nothing to do with the Terrivale Coal Mine lease.

Nothing whatever, I do assure you.

Well, it is very queer that you have missed the connection, Mr. Cheeseman.

But that is ridiculous, Mr. Tarrant. I tell you—

Tarrant stopped his protestations with a gesture. Suppose I prove a connection to your satisfaction, what would you give?

A thousand pounds.

A thousand pounds.

The detective turned to the inspector, saying, Now, see what overconfidence will bring a man to and then to his client, he added, It won't cost you so much as that, Mr. Cheeseman. Have you those debentures and share certificates here?

Yes, still in my safe.

Look them over, please, carefully.

Mr. Cheeseman opened his safe, took out a packet, secured by a rubber band, ran them over slowly, and when he reached the last, stood staring at it, in dumb amazement.

You have found the document, Mr. Cheeseman? asked Tarrant, quietly. Yet you would have sworn that you left it locked in your private box at Brinstair's office. You had forgotten that after it had been restored to the box and just as you were leaving, in a great hurry, to keep your appointment (for which you were already late), a question arose which made another glance at the paper advisable. It was taken from its place, examined no doubt hastily, while your mind was intent on the subject of the coming appointment. You, perhaps, looked at your watch while you held the paper in your hand, and rushed away, after your manner, quite unconscious that you took the lease with you.

It's marvelous, murmured Mr. Cheeseman, grasping his recovered treasure.

No, said Tarrant. I don't solve marvels, only very ordinary mysteries. Your little lapse of memory was not so serious at Brinstair's, but there is a certain analogy.

Still, remarked the inspector, as he walked away with Tarrant; I don't quite see how you jumped to the conclusion that Mr. Cheeseman had himself brought the document away from the Temple.

By the very simple process, answered Tarrent, of eliminating every other way of accounting for its disappearance. It was not among his other papers at Brinstair's office, nor in the satchel Brinstair had packed to take away with him. The finding of Brinstair at Sheffield proved that he had neither run away nor been the victim of foul play, and there was not a scintilla of evidence of an attempt to steal the paper. Then Mr. Cheeseman must have taken it himself and the state of his nerves is quite sufficient to account for his complete ignorance of having done so.

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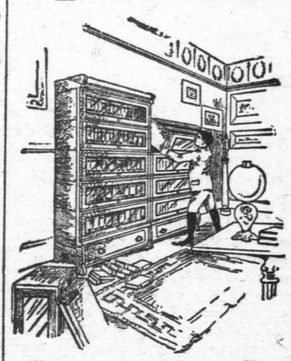

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